

**Minutes of a Workshop Meeting of the Governing Board of the
South Florida Water Management District held at Sanibel
Harbour Hotel, Everglades Ballroom
17260 Harbour Pointe Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 9:00 A.m. July 12, 2000**

The following **Board Members** were present:

Michael Collins, Chairman
Michael Minton
Vera Carter
Mitchell Berger
Nicolas Gutierrez
Gerardo Fernandez
Trudi Williams
Harkley Thornton
Patrick Gleason

Frank Finch, Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Board questions for staff about any items on Thursday's Regular Meeting Agenda

Mr. Thornton questioned items 34, 42, and 43.

Mr. Gleason questioned item 34.

Mr. Minton questioned item 43.

II. Board Review and Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Collins moved item D to follow item E.

III. Introduction and Welcome

Ms. Williams welcomed those attending this meeting.

IV. Southwest Florida Overview

Mr. Chip Merriam, Director, Ft. Myers Service Center, presented the overview. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Mr. Clarence Tears, Director, Big Cypress Basin, presented information on Big Cypress Basin issues. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

V. Presentations:

A. Update on “Equity in Contracting Implementation Plan”

Mr. Aaron C. Weeks, Equity in Contracting Manager, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

B. Update on Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, including a status report on Southwest Florida Feasibility Study

Mr. Paul Warner, Lead Ecosystem Rep, System Wide Accountability Division, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Ms. Janet Starnes, Sr. Planner, Ft. Myers Service Center, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in her presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

C. Water Shortage Discussion and Southwest Florida Water Supply Issues

Mr. Dean S. Powell, Deputy Division Director, Water Supply Division, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Mr. Scott Burns, Director, Water Use Regulation Department presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Mr. Chip Merriam, Director, Ft. Myers Service Center presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

E. Process for District Operational Revisions & Discretionary Release Protocol

Mr. Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E., Director, Water Supply Division, WRM, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Mr. Shawn P. Sculley, P.E., Director, Coastal Ecosystems Department, Watershed Research & Planning Division, WRM, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

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D. Lake Okeechobee Managed Recession Plan

Mr. Lewis Hornung, Chief Engineer, Lake Okeechobee Department, Watershed Research & Planning Division, WRM, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

F. Water Conditions Report/CSS Sparrow Update

Mr. Tommy Strowd, Department Director, Operations Control, WRO, presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Meeting with Lee County Board of County Commissioners

Governing Board Members met with members of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners to discuss local issues. A videotape of the meeting is available on request.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public presented comments during this meeting. Their comments are included in a videotape of this meeting, which is available on request.

Mr. Paul Pass, City of Bonita Springs.

Mr. C.A. Rockwood, a Cape Coral resident.

Mr. Ed Moherek, a Cape Coral resident.

Ms. Susan Brookman, an Alva resident.

Captain Gary M. Bonacci, Professional Guides Cooperative.

Mr. Clay Carithers, Wilson Miller, Inc.

Ms. Kris Thoenke, National Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Mike Bauer, National Wildlife Federation.

Ms. Nancy Payton, Florida Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Tony Pellicer, Lee County Natural Resources Division.

Mr. Jack Zinke, Cape Coral Tarpon Hunters Club.
Mr. Erick Lindblad, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.
Dr. Paul Gray, Audubon of Florida Lake Okeechobee Sanctuaries.
Mr. Bob Pascale, a Cape Coral resident.
Captain Chris Leetz, Utopia Charters.
Mr. Michael Simonik, The Conservancy of Southwest Florida.
Mr. John Cassani, a Fort Myers resident.
Mr. James Evans, City of Sanibel.
Mr. Denny Sharma, a Fort Myers resident.
Mr. Clayton Miller, East County Water Control District.
Mr. Samy Faried, Lee County Regional Water Supply Authority.
Mr. John Barth, a Cape Coral resident.
Mr. David Waldie, City of Cape Coral.
Mr. Rob Andrys, Caloosahatchee Riverwatch.

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Mr. Ron Edenfield, Lee Soil and Water Conservation District.
Ms. Ellen Lindblad, Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed.
Ms. Patricia Tofflemire, Caloosahatchee Riverwatch Association.
Mr. Roland Ottolini, a Fort Myers resident.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion to come before the Board,
the meeting was adjourned.

MICHAEL COLLINS, CHAIRMAN

(Corporate Seal)

Attest:

FRANK FINCH, SECRETARY

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
HELD AT SANIBEL HARBOUR HOTEL, EVERGLADES BALLROOM
17260 HARBOUR POINTE DR. FT. MYERS, FL
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2000 8:30 A.M.**

The following **Board Members** were present

Michael Collins, Chairman
Michael Minton
Vera Carter
Mitchell Berger
Nicolas Gutierrez
Patrick Gleason
Trudi Williams
Harkley Thornton
Gerardo Fernandez

Frank R. Finch, Executive Director

Call to order

8:30 a.m. by Chairman Collins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee Recognition

Deferred to August Board meeting.

Abstentions and Approval of Agenda

A copy of abstentions is included in official record of this meeting. Board Members approved the Agenda as revised. A list of revisions is included in the official record.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Carter to Approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2000 Governing Board Workshop and the June 15, 2000 Governing Board Regular Meeting as written. Motion approved.

Carryover items

None.

Items pulled

Chairman Collins deferred item IIIA5a until the August Board meeting.

Mr. Gleason pulled item 34.

Ms. Williams pulled item 32.

Mr. Thornton pulled items 34, 42, and 43.

Mr. Minton pulled item 43.

Future Meeting Dates

A list is included in the official record of this meeting.

Future workshop agendas

A list is included in the official record of this meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee Report

No report was presented.

Ombudsman's Report

No report was presented.

General Counsel's Report

Mr. Fumero presented the report. A copy is included in the official record of this meeting.

Legislative Update

Mr. Fumero presented the report. A copy is included in the official record of this meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Finch presented the report. A copy is included in the official record of this meeting.

Staff Presentations

CORPORATE RESOURCES

Contract Forecast Summary

Mr. Merriam said Board Members have copies of the summary in the Board back-up material. A copy is included in the official record of this meeting.

Update on Equity in Contracting

Mr. Aaron C. Weeks presented information. A copy is included in the official record of this meeting.

Everglades Construction Project

Mr. Joe Schweigart presented the report. A copy is included in the official record of this meeting.

Approval of Consent Agendas

Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

Mr. Bell handed out revisions to item 67. A copy of the revisions is included in the official record of this meeting.

Ms. Terrie Bates, Director, Environmental Resource Regulation noted the following changes handed out as additional backup to the Regulatory portion of the Consent Agenda (Item III-B-2):

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Surface Water Management

Dreher Park (page 16, paragraph 2): Permit type is Conceptual Approval Modification

The Regional Center (Unit #19) (page 18, paragraph 7): Postponed to August 10 Board

Environmental Resource

Windsong PUD Villas at Greenwood Lake (page 5, paragraph 7):
Postponed to August 10 Board

Baker Road Park Project (page 11, paragraph 1): Postponed to August 10 Board

Century Park at Flagler (page 12, paragraph 1): Postponed to August 10 Board

Sunset Bay (page 12, paragraph 3): 20.58 total acres wetlands; 6.06 acres wetlands impacted; 14.9 acres mitigation/compensation

Middlebrook Apartments (page 14, paragraph 3): 4.48 total acres wetlands; 4.48 acres wetlands impacted

Valencia Falls Plat One (page 18, paragraph 8): Receiving bodies are Lake Worth Drainage District L-30 and L-31 canals

Water Use

Hyatt Golf Resort (page 10, paragraph 5): Postponed to August 10 Board

Consent Agreements

Soka Gakkai International – USA, Inc. (page 22, paragraph 4):
Postponed to August 10 Board

Charles Vavrus (page 22, paragraph 6): Postponed to August 10
Board

**Motion by Mr. Fernandez to approve the Consent Agendas as revised.
Motion approved.**

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Chairman Collins opened the public hearing prior to each item, and closed the public hearing after each item and public comment.

Chairman Collins noted that all comments from the public should be made under the Public Comment section of the agenda.

Real Estate, Engineering and Construction

IV.A.1.a.

Mr. Blair Littlejohn presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Fernandez to approve. Motion approved.

IV.A.1.b.

Mr. Blair Littlejohn presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Berger to approve. Motion approved.

IV.A.1.c.

Mr. Blair Littlejohn presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Dr. Gleason to approve. Motion approved.

IV.A.1.d.

Mr. Blair Littlejohn presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Dr. Gleason to approve. Motion approved.

IV.A.1.e.

Mr. Blair Littlejohn presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Minton to approve. Motion approved.

IV.A.1.f.

Motion by Mr. Minton to approve. Motion approved.

IV.A.1.g.

Motion by Dr. Gleason to approve.

Ms. Erin Deady, Audubon Society of Florida, commented on this item. Her comments are included in a videotape of this meeting, which is available on request.

Motion approved.

IV.A.1.h.

Ms. Terrie Bates presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in her presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Minton to approve. Motion approved.

IV.A.1.i.

Mr. Littlejohn presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Fernandez to approve. Motion approved.

General Public Comment

Mr. Edwin Eberham, Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management, commented on Estero Bay and Watershed issues. His comments are included in a videotape of this meeting, which is available on request.

Mr. Vincent Cherkov, a Lee County resident, commented on the need for cooperation among all parties involved in Lee County watershed issues.

Policy Implementation

Water Resource Management

VII.A.1.a.

Ms. Terrie Bates presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Ms. Williams to approve. Motion approved.

VI.A.1.c. (McMurrian acquisition)

Staff presented an update. No Board action required.

VI.A.2.a. Hurricane 2000 Preparedness

Ms. Olivia McLean presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in her presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Budget Development and current status

Mr. Aaron Basinger presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Approve Millage Rate for TRIM Purposes

Mr. Basinger presented the proposed millage rate for TRIM purposes. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Ms. Carter to approve. Motion approved. Nay - Mr. Berger.

VI.A.1.f.

Mr. Littlejohn presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Minton to approve. Motion approved.

Backup item 32 (this item was deferred)

Ms. Williams commented on the need to seek responses from in-state universities on this type of item. Ms. Patricia Strayer said staff will address those comments.

VII.B.1.a.

Mr. Scott Burns presented information on this item. A copy of the material used in his presentation is included in the official record of this meeting.

Motion by Dr. Gleason to approve. Motion approved.

VII.B.1.b.

Motion by Mr. Thornton to approve. Motion approved.

Items Pulled for Discussion

III.C.1.I.

Motion by Dr. Gleason to approve.

Dr. Gleason noted that there is a difference between this process and normal fertilization methods.

Mr. Thornton noted the positive benefits of this item.

Motion approved.

Backup items 42 and 43.

Mr. Thornton and Mr. Minton expressed concern about the method used to advertise these contracts.

Ms. Patricia Walker said staff will address those concerns.

Board Members agreed to defer action on these items and to direct staff to readvertise the request for proposals.

Board Comment

Mr. Fernandez noted that Mr. Gutierrez is now engaged to be married. Board Members congratulated Mr. Gutierrez.

Ms. Williams commended staff for their efforts in bringing this meeting to the West Coast.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Collins.

MICHAEL COLLINS, CHAIRMAN

(Corporate Seal)

Attest:

FRANK FINCH, SECRETARY

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